

LB 903, and I will tell Senator Crosby this. I had no objection to LB 903. The district judge does not bother me at all. Perhaps if the judge's salary increase had been brought by itself, that might not bother me, but the juvenile judge situation would bother me under any circumstances and that is the iceberg which may sink this Titanic. That is it. So the ones who are out in the corridor pulling for the judges who got sweaty palms and stomachs that are turning and knees that are trembling, just remember that they were willing to let what you're trying to do go down because they want to keep an incompetent judge on the bench in Douglas County, the juvenile court bench, and add an additional judge. Those who feel convinced that Lancaster County needs an additional district judge know also that those who look at what it is you're trying to do feel that that too should go down to defeat if necessary in order for them to try to put another juvenile judge on the bench in Douglas County when we have dead wood there already. I am going to continue to discuss this situation and an amendment that I'm going to offer with reference to Senator Lindsay's salary increase is one that will shock him and everybody else. And Senator Monen is going to be sorry that he retired as soon as he did. You all think the only amendment I will offer is one to reduce the salary increase that is being offered to judges, don't you? Well I'm going to find out when we get to that how sincere people are who say the judges are worth money. And, Senator Monen, I have said repeatedly that in my opinion we look at the judicial system when we're providing a reward in the wrong way. Because the Supreme Court is deemed to be the most dignified, stately or important position because they have the final word, they get the highest salary and people generally tend to accept that. Whatever is at the top of the pyramid has the most value. But remember, that apex of the pyramid is supported by everything that is beneath it so if you removed any layer from that pyramid, the apex drops the amount of distance comprised by that layer. The judges operating at the trial court level, even though they make a lot of mistakes that have to be rectified by the appellate court which Senator Kristensen created or the Supreme Court if they choose to accept the case for appeal if it's not one of those guaranteed an appeal under the constitution and the statutes. The trial judges...

SPEAKER WITHEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...are the only ones who are really operating under a pressure cooker type environment. They are the ones who